Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, An unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system, Multiple Sclerosis (MS) disrupts the flow of information between an individual's body and brain; and,

Whereas, Multiple Sclerosis affects an estimated 2.5 million people worldwide and more than 1,500 in South Dakota and is often first diagnosed in individuals from age 20-50. It is the most common neurological disease leading to disability in young adults; and,

Whereas, The Upper Midwest Chapter offers care management services, financial and equipment assistance, educational, social, and recreational programs for people with MS, and their families, including groups and clubs throughout South Dakota. The chapter holds fundraising events statewide to raise awareness and funds for programs for people living with MS and research that brings us closer to new treatment options and a cure; and,

Whereas, On March 11-17, 2013, the National MS Society will sponsor Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week for the state of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, The mission of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is to mobilize people and resources to drive research for a cure and to address the challenges of everyone affected by MS:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 11-17, 2013, as

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS WEEK

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Nineteenth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State